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AT the Court at *Kenſington*, the 14th Day of *May*, 1718.

PRESENT,

The King's Moſt Excellent Majeſty in Council.

His Majeſty having been pleaſed to deliver the Cuſtody of the Great Seal to the Right Honourable Thomas Lord Parker, the Oath of Lord High Chancellor of Great Britain was, by His Majeſty's Command, this Day in Council adminiſtred to his Lordſhip; and he took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Venice, *May* 6. Letters from the Captain-General of the 12th of laſt Month give an Account, that the new Works which were ordered at Preveſa and Vonizza, for ſtrengthning the Fortifications, were almoſt finiſhed, and that the Garriſons were reinforced. The Turks appeared frequently in the Neighbourhood of thoſe two Places; but without attempting any thing, and they had not been reinforced by new Troops. On the 24th paſt, arrived a Courier diſpatched from Vienna by the Procurator Ruzzini, with Letters adviſing, that he was on his Departure for Belgrade, thence to proceed to Paſſarowitz where the Conferences were to be held for treating of Peace with the Turks. 'Tis adviſed from Rome, that Sig. Diedo, Ambaſſadour of this Republick, had Audience laſt Week of the Pope, upon the Affairs which he is inſtructed to negociate at that Court. The Senate have thought fit to confer the Title of Count on the noble Family of Macazoli of Bergamo, in Conſideration of the Services which they have done in the preſent War, as well in Dalmatia as in the Levant. By an Engliſh Ship which is come in from Corfu, we have Advice, that the Captain-General Piſani had ordered the Fleet to Sail out of Port, and to ſtay at the little Iſlands, till the Convoy which ſailed laſt from hence with the neceſſary Proviſions, arrives: After which his Excellency is to ſail to the Levant. We have a Report, that the Turkiſh Fleet is come to Napoli di Romania. Advice is newly come from Dalmatia, that the Troops there are in Motion, but before they encamp expect a Convoy with Neceſſaries from hence.

Vienna, *May* 7. The Cardinal of Saxe-Zeits arrived here from Hungary on the 5th Inſtant, and dined yeſterday with the Electoral Prince of Saxony: To Day he ſet out for the Court at Laxembourg. We are expecting to hear by the next Letters from Hungary, that the Plenipotentiaries for the Peace are arrived at Paſſarowitz. The Imperial Troops on the Frontiers are all getting in readineſs, and ſufficient Stores of Ammunition and Proviſions for the Service of the enſuing Campaign are provided: Prince Alexander of Wirtemberg has the Command in Chief, till Prince Eugene repairs to the Army, whither his Highneſs will not be going till towards the end of this Month, by which time it may be judged what will be the Iſſue of the Congreſs; frequent Couriers being expected when the Conferences are once begun. His Imperial Majeſty has held ſeveral Councils within theſe few Days, at which Prince Eugene has conſtantly aſſiſted, on the preſent Juncture of Affairs. It is reported, that the Arch-Dutcheſs Mary Elizabeth, will ſhortly be declared Governeſs of Tyrol.

Frankfort, *May* 15. On the 8th Inſtant, the Elector of Trier arrived here in his Return from the Court of Vienna, and after four Days ſtay, proceeded to Coblentz, his Place of Reſidence. His Electoral Highneſs was received with a tripple Diſcharge of the Cannon on our Ramparts, and complimented by the Magiſtrates, who paid him all due Honours, made him the Preſents uſually given to Perſons of his Rank, and ordered the Cannon to be fired again at his Departure. The Electoral Prince of Bavaria, with the Prince his Brother, arrived here laſt Night, and this Morning went on by Water for Cologne, where they are to ſtay ſome time with his Electoral Highneſs their Unkle, and then, 'tis ſaid, will go to Holland. They were received and entertained with the ſame Honours as the Elector of Trier had been.

Hague, *May* 24. The Marqueſs de Chateauneuf, the French Ambaſſador, is taking his Leave of the Foreign Miniſters, and other Perſons of Diſtinction at this Place, deſigning in a few Days to ſet out on his Return to the Court of France. The Marqueſs de Prié is expected here very ſpeedily, with ſeveral other Perſons of Quality, from the Auſtrian Netherlands. Letters from Berlin adviſe, that the King of Pruſſia being gone to Brandenbourg to take a Review of ſome Troops, was taken ill there of the Small-Pox; but without any Signs of Danger. The Earl Cadogan went from hence on Saturday laſt for Amſterdam, and is expected back again this Evening. The States have deputed M. Starrenbourg and M. Jorgens to take Care of the Entertainment which is to be made for his Excellency after his publick Entry. Major General Count Reechteren is made Governour of Tournay. Letters from Vienna of the 11th Inſtant relate, that on the 2d M. Talman the Emperour's ſecond Plenipotentiary ſet out from Belgrade for Paſſarowitz, and was to be followed the next Day by Sir Robert Sutton, one of the Britiſh Miniſters for the Mediation. The Turkiſh Plenipotentiaries, with Count Collier Ambaſſadour of the States General, were come into the Neighbourhood of the Place of Congreſs.

Whitehall, *May* 16. His Majeſty has been pleaſed to appoint Mr. Juſtice Prat to be Lord Chief Juſtice of the Court of King's Bench, and Baron Forteſcue-Aland to be one of the Juſtices of the Court of King's Bench.

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